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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, AR

SUBJ: RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF PERONIST PARTY

REF: BA 3647

1. CAMUS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF ON JUNE 6 THAT HE HAD INDEED RESIGNED BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE PERONIST PARTY. HE COMMENTED THAT IN HIS RESIGNATION STATEMENT HE HAD DELIBERATELY REFERRED TO "INFILTRATORS" WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. THIS, HE SAID, WAS IN REFERENCE TO FIGURES SUCH AS LOPEZ REGA WHO ARE NOT PERONISTS; RATHER, THEY ARE "INTERLOPERS WHO HAVE SEIZED CONTROL OF THE MOVEMENT".

2. CAMUS INDICATED THAT HIS OBVIOUS THUGH INDIRECT REFERENCES TO LOPEZ REGA HAD PROMPTED A GROUNDSWELL OF SUPPORT WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. HE HAD HE SAID, RECEIVED MANY INDICATIONS OF SOLIDARITY FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, BUT ESPECIALLY FROM THE LABOR WING.

3. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, WHEN CAMUSE CAME TO THE EMBASSY ON JUNE 9 TO PICK UP HIS TICKETS (HE IS TRAVELING ON A LEADER GRANT), HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD RODOLFO ALMIRON, ONE OF LOPEZ REGAS TOP BODY GUARDS, WAS ALSO APPLYING FOR A VISA TO GO TO THE US (SEE SEPTTEL). THE PRIVATE SECRETARY EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN AND SUGGESTED THAT ALMIRON MIGHT BE TRAVELING TO THE US WITH THE INTENTION OF ASSASSIN-

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ATING CAMUS WHILE THE LATTER IS THERE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT

THIS WAS MOST UNLIKELY, AND THAT IN ANY CASE ALMIRON HAD  
WITHDRAWN HIS APPLICATION FOR A VISA AND WOULD NOT BE TRAVELING  
TO THE US. CAMUS HIMSELF SAID HE THOUGHT HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY  
WAS EXAGGERATING AND WAS UNNECESSARILY CONCERNED.  
IF LOPEZ REGA IN FACT WISHED TO ASSASSINATE HIM, WHICH HE  
SAID HE DOUBTED, HE WOULD DO IT IN ARGENTINA AND NOT IN THE US.

4. COMMENT: IN THIS CASE THE FEARS OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY,  
AS SUGGESTED BY CAMUS HIMSELF, WERE PROBABLY GROUNDLESS.  
THEY REFLECT CONCERNS WHICH ANYONE WHO CROSSES LOPEZ REGA MIGHT  
WELL HAVE, EXPECIALLY IF FIGURE OF ALMIRON IS INVOLVED.  
LATTER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE KILLER OF US AIR FORCE  
LIEUTENANT EARL DAVIS IN 1964. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE WAS EXPELLED  
FROM FEDERAL POLICE ON SUSPICION OF THEFT, FRAUD AND INVOLVEMENT  
IN GANGLAND MURDERS. RESTORED TO POLICE FORCE AFTER 1973,  
AT PRESENT HE IS ALMOST CERTAINLY INVOLVED WITH AAA AND IS  
SAID TO HAVE PERSONALLY MURDERED SEVERAL OF LOPEZ REGAS  
OPPONENTS.  
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